

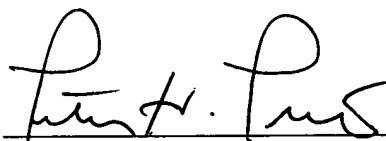
17-46. The processing apparatus of claim ¹³42 further comprising:
means for updating the register.--

Remarks

This preliminary amendment is being filed in present application which is a division of allowed U.S. Application Serial No. 09/472,372. Claims 16-37 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 38-46 have been added. Claims 1-15 and 38-46 are presently pending.

The specification has been amended to update the current status of the related case.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

On page 1, the following text has been added:

-- This is a division of application Serial Number 09/472,372 filed on December 23,
1999.--

In the Claims

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